

Title: Need to provide adequate job avenues to retiring defence personnel and accept the demand for implementing the scheme of "one-rank-one-pension". - Laid.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL (CHANDIGARH) : For those serving the country through defence forces, retirement comes early in life. In almost all the cases, defence personnel have all their domestic responsibilities to be fulfilled with their children still studying at the time of retirement. With the lack of opportunities for appropriate employment elsewhere, these defenders of our frontiers and national integrity face cruel uncertainties of life. This is a major reason why the youth today do not show that enthusiasm which they did decades back to join the defence forces.

It is our duty to assure them economic security in life. Therefore, I urge the Government to immediately promise all retiring defence personnel lateral entry in civil services and para-military forces at an equivalent rank. Also I urge the Government to accept the long pending demand of ex-servicemen for "one rank- one pension."